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1. SUMMARY. CHARGE DISCUSSED KOREAN ISSUE WITH MIN STATE FOR FONAFF ON MAY 19. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED DEMARCHE ON KOREA MADE TO FONMIN MWALE PREVIOUS DAY BY CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ON BEHALF OF CORE GROUP AND CHARGE THEREFORE EMPHASIZED ONLY FEW KEY POINTS IN HIS BRIEF PRESENTATION. MIN STATE EXPRESSED DESIRABILITY OF US PROVIDING MORE AND MORE TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT HISTORY OF KOREAN DISPUTE TO COUNTERACT HEAVY AND ONE-SIDED NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT INFLUENCING ZAMBIAN LEADERS. CHARGE REPLIED WE ALREADY TAKING STEPS TO DO SO. GIVEN LONG-STANDING ZAMBIAN COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN POSITION, TURNAROUND ON THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE EASY. DEPT MAY WISH CONSULT WITH ROK ABOUT WAYS TO PRESENT ZAMBIANS WITH MORE BALANCETSINFORMATION ON KOREAN ISSUE, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT FOR SOME ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT ROK. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CALL ON MIN STATE FOR FONAFF GREENWOOD SILWIZYA MAY
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19, CHRGE REFERRED TO DEMARCHE ON KOREAN ISSUE MADE PREVIOUS

DAY TO FONMIN MWALE BY CANADIAN HICOM BROADBRIDGE ON BEHALF CORE GROUP COUNTRIES (SEPTTEL). CHARGE NOTED THAT CANADIAN HICOM HAD LEFT PIECE OF PAPER WITH MWALE ON THIS SUBJECT AND HE HAD NO INTENTION AT THIS TIME OF RETREADING SAME GROUND ALREADY COVERED BY BROADBRIDGE.

3. DRAWING ON REFTTEL B, CHARGE DID MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE URGED BE KEPT CAREFULLY IN MIND BY ZAMBIANS IN DEVELOPING THEIR POSITION PAPERS FOR COLOMBO NAC:

(A) RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN KOREAN PENINSULA REMAINS IMPORTANT TO US;

(B) NON-ALIGNED GOVT SHOULD CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY WHETHER IN THEIR CONCERN TO PRESERVE SENSE OF NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY THEY ARE NOT BEING USED BY NORTH KOREANS FOR THEIR OWN NARROW PURPOSES--PURPOSES NOT OF MAJOR CONCERN TO MOST NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AND WHICH MAY NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR PROFESSED INTEREST IN REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS IN EAST ASIA;

(C) GRATUITOUS ATTACKS ON US MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA OR DEMANDS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES THERE IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT AMONG ALL PARTIES ON A FINAL SETTLEMENT OR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO PRESENT ARMISTICE AGREEMENT CANNOT ADVANCE CAUSE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA;

(D) BEST CHANCE FOR SECURING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO KOREAN PROBLEM IS THROUGH RESUMPTION OF NORTH/SOUTH KOREAN TALKS, AS AGREED IN JULY 4, 1972 NORTH/SOUTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AND AS ENDORSED BY UNGA IN 1973 CONSENSUS RESOLUTION.

4. CHARGE EXPRESSED HOPE ZAMBIANS WOULD FIND OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE AND DURING COLOMBO NAC ALSO TO CONVEY THESE US POINTS TO OTHER NON-ALIGNEDS.

5. CHARGE NOTED NORTH KOREANS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE DESIGNED TO DISTORT PURPOSE OF US PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA AND TO MISLEAD AND CONFUSE OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT TRUE SITUATION IN KOREAN PENINSULA. MID-APRIL VISIT TO ZAMBIA BY CONFIDENTIAL

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NORTH KOREAN VICE PREMIER PAK IS CASE IN POINT (LUSAKA 0887). CHARGE THEN HANDED SILWIZYA COPY OF APR 13 LETTER FROM AMB WILKOWSKI TO PARTY SEC GEN GREY ZULU REFUTING ALLEGATIONS BY PAK THAT US INTENDING TO WAGE NEW WAR IN KOREA. (COPY OF AMB'S LETTER AND OF ZULU'S POLITE BUT ESSENTIALLY UNRESPONSIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT BEING POUCHED AF/E.)

6. IN RESPONSE CHARGE'S COMMENTS, SILWIZYA, WHO HAD TAKEN

NOTES, SAID ZAMBIAN POSITION FAVORABLE TO NORTH KOREA HAD DEVELOPED OVER TIME IN PART BECAUSE OF CONTINUING AND CONCENTRATED NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT INFLUENCING ZAMBIAN PARTY AND GOVT LEADERSHIP. RECALLED THAT WHEN HE HAD ACCOMPANIED PARTY SEC GEN ZULU ON VISIT TO NORTH KOREA IN 1975, ZAMBIAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO VERY HEAVY DOSE OF ONE-SIDED PROPAGANDA WHICH DEPICTED US PRESENCE IN ROK IN BLACKEST TDRMS WHILE PURPORTING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ONLY IN NORTH IS THERE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. SILWIZYA REMARKED THAT NORTHERN PROPAGANDA WHICH HAD MADE MOST TELLING EFFECT ON ZAMBIANS WAS ALLEGATION THAT US, FOR ITS OWN IMPERIALIST PURPOSES, WAS WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EXISTING DIVISION OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND THAT ONLY PRESENCE OF US MILITARY FORCES WAS PREVENTING KOREAN REUNIFICATION UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PYONGYANG.

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7. SILWIZYA COMMENTED THAT EVEN ZAMBIAN DELEGATION RECOGNIZED BLATANCY OF NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA AND DISTORTED IMAGE IT GAVE OF US. HE URGED THAT MORE BE DONE BY US TO COUNTERACT NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA IN ZAMBIA BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO ZAMBIAN LEADERS INFORMATION ABOUT HISTORY OF KOREAN

PROBLEM AND US POSITION ON IT. IN PAST, SILWIZYA CLAIMED, US POSITION HAD OFTEN NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO ZAMBIA UNTIL DEBATE ON KOREAN ISSUE ACTUALLY UNDERWAY. AT THAT POINT ZAMBIAN POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY NORTH KOREANS. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT USG FULLY AWARE SOME OF ITS PAST DEFICIENCIES IN MAKING ITS VIEWS ON KOREA AND OTHER MULTILATERAL SUBJECTS KNOWN TO ITS ZAMBIAN AND OTHER FRIENDS ON TIMELY AND CONTINUING BASIS. RECENT STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN DEPT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN PRECISELY TO CORRECT THESE DEFICIENCIES AND TO ASSURE GREATER FLOW OF INFORMATION RE US POSITIONS TO FOREIGN CAPITALS WELL IN ADVANCE OF UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS SUCH AS COLOMBO NAC AT WHICH KOREAN ISSUE EXPECTED TO ARISE.

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8. RECALLING SILWIZYA REMARK THAT ZAMBIAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO WAS IN PROCESS OF RECONSIDERATION FOLLOWING VISIT BY SILWIZYA TO THAT ISLAND IN 1975 (LUSAKA 1335), CHARGE WONDERBD WHETHER SILWIZYA OR OTHER ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS MIGHT CONSIDER VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN BETTER BALANCED PERSPECTIVE OF KOREAN PROBLEM. CHARGE STRESSED THIS WAS PURELY PERSONAL SUGGESTION WHICH HAD ONLY JUST OCCURRED TO HIM DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION AND THAT HE OF COURSE UNABLE TO SPEAK FOR ROK ON THIS POINT NOR TO EXTEND INVITATION IN ITS BEHALF. SILWIZYA INDICATED HE WOULD GIVE IDEA SOME THOUGHT AND DISCUSS IT WITH HIS SUPERIORS BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMITMENT.

9. COMMENT: ZAMBIANS HAVE LONG BEEN COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREAN POSITIONS IN NAC AND UNGA AND IT WILL TAKE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TURN THEM AROUND. USG POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE IN 30TH UNGA WAS THOROUGHLY REVIEWED LAST SUMMER AND FALL WITH SUBORDINATE FONMIN OFFICIALS, WITH SILWIZYA HIMSELF, AND WITH PRESENT AND FORMER FONMINS. AT THAT TIME ZAMBIANS CHOSE IGNORE OUR POINTS, WITHOUT REALLY TRYING TO REFUTE THEM. SILWIZYA IS SYMPATHETIC TO US (HE WAS WEARING US BICENTENNIAL EMBLEM IN HIS LAPEL DURING INTERVIEW) AND HAS SHOWN RELATIVELY FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON KOREA IN PAST (75 LUSAKA 1957). BUT THERE ARE OTHER IN ZAMBIAN ESTABLISHMENT WHO FOR IDEOLOGICAL OR OTHER REASONS WILL LIKELY RESIST CHANGE IN POLICY AWAY FROM NORTH KOREAN POSITION TO SUPPORT OF OUR OWN. OBVIOUSLY MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET NOT ONLY FACTS OF US POSITION FIRMLY ACROSS TO ZAMBIAN FOREIGN POLICY MAKERS, BUT ALSO TO MAKE THEM MORE AWARE OF ACTUAL SITUATION IN ROK.

10. IN THIS CONNECTION DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK ON MEANS WHEREBY GREATER FLOW OF INFORMATION

TO ZAMBIANS AND OTHER NON-ALIGNEDS ON SOUTH CAN BE
ACHIEVED. FOR EXAMPLE, PAMPHLETS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS
DEMONSTRATING TREMENDOUS STRIDES SOUTH HAS MADE IN
AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS SINCE KOREAN WAR
MIGHT USEFULLY BE INCORPORATED IN MATERIAL SENT EMBASSY
FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SELECTED ZAMBIAN GOVT AUDIENCE.
THIS WOULD REFUTE ONE-SIDED NORTHERN PICTURE OF POVERTY
AND MISERY IN SOUTH. POSSIBLE INVITATION TO ZAMBIAN
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OFFICIALS TO VISIT SOUTH POSES SOME OBVIOUS PROBLEMS IN
VIEW ABSENCE ZAMBIAN RECOGNITION OF ROK BUT SHOULD BE GIVEN
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. MEANS MIGHT BE FOUND, FOR EXAMPLE,
TO ISSUE INVITATION TO ZAMBIANS THROUGH NON-OFFICIALS ROK
ORGANIZATION OR TO ARRANGE FOR ZAMBIANS AND PERHAPS OTHER
NON-ALIGNEDS TO VISIT ROK UNDER UN AUSPICES.
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